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SUBJECT: Mark Lane's Forthcoming Book on the Warren Commission Report

REF :

A confidential source within the government recently received information that attorney Mark Lane's book Rush to Judgment is scheduled for publication in England during November, 1965. Lane has disputed the findings of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone killer of President Kennedy; he claims many questions are unanswered and that the actual assassins remain at large. Rush to Judgment will attempt to refute the Warren Report.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, retained Lane to represent her when she testified before the Warren Commission; that relationship has since been terminated. Lane, who affiliates with leftist groups and causes, was elected May 28, 1963 vice chairman of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. His extensive travels and lectures throughout Europe on behalf of the Oswald cause have been sponsored by Communist or leftist organizations. Early in 1964, he formed the Citizens Council of Inquiry (CCI) to ascertain and reveal the "true facts" about the assassination. His law office and CCI had an identical address in New York City

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until July 1965 when both were changed to the same City P. O. Box. CCI's bank balance as of October 28, 1964 exceeded $11,000.

In April 1964, Lane addressed the Eighth Convention of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) at Budapest urging the formation of an international commission to investigate the assassination. (IADL has been designated an international Communist front organization by the HCUA and Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.) At a meeting of American expatriates (identified as Communists or Communist sympathizers) and Italian Communists later that month in Rome, Lane stated, among other things: his expenses to visit Budapest and other European cities, including Paris and London, were being paid by the "Hungarian Government"; that CCI was being financed by "leftist" elements in the U. S., including the American Civil Liberties Union; and that "an international commission of lawyers to investigate the Oswald case was to be constituted within the next month or so under the auspices of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers". During December 1964 and January 1965, he lectured in Europe under the auspices of Bertrand Russell arguing against the conclusions of the Warren Report.

Lane married a Danish citizen last year, Anne-Lise Dabelsteen, and now resides in Denmark.

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